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STAFF STUDY ON VARIOUS GEOGRAPHICAL AREA  
CONSIDERATIONS IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NATIONAL COLD  
WAR STRATEGY

I. PROBLEM

To examine the area contribution to the formulation of a U. S. cold war global strategy.

II. BASIC ASSUMPTION

The Kremlin, without recourse to general war for the next five years, will carry out an unrelenting expansion of the cold war in an attempt to gain world-wide communist domination.

III. PURPOSE

The purpose of this study is to determine uniformly and objectively the principal factors affecting the strategic concepts of the geographical areas from which an integrated cold war global strategy can be evolved.

IV. DISCUSSION

There are many who believe that the containment philosophy has run its course, that it is a policy and strategy of negativism; at best, a holding action, and, at worst, a piecemeal commitment of national resources without substantive results. There are many more who believe that the cold

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war never will be won except through a concentrated offensive aimed at the primary source of conspiratorial revolution—the Kremlin. A strategy needs to be evolved which: reappraises the vulnerabilities of the Soviet Union, reevaluates the strategy of the Communists, inventories our own strength and capabilities to seize the initiative, equates the risks we are willing to accept, and prescribes the principal course of action to pursue. All the national effort should be brought to bear on the target as quickly as possible—by methods and within zones of our own choosing.

#### V. CONSIDERATIONS

The first approach to this problem involves a survey and analysis of the separate geographical considerations. It shall attempt to isolate and define the major contentious issues within the area; the conditions which nurture or act as a catalyst to these issues; the suitability of existing U. S. policy to readjust these conditions; the determination of the major target within the area; the alternative target within the area most immediately susceptible to U. S. manipulation which can lead to an alteration of the course of events; the potential of the region capable of fuller

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exploitation; an estimate of the communist vulnerabilities; the inadequacies of U. S. efforts which are adjustable through an altered strategy, concentration of resources, or realignment of the power balance; the problems of allied non-cooperation stemming possibly from divergent objectives, influence, or interests; impact of considerations outside the area to solution of the principal area problem; the present over-all mission under which current courses of action are being pursued; prospects of converting the area strategy into a deception measure with respect to global strategy.

**VI. REQUIREMENT**

*(between 10 to 15 pages)*  
The rendition of a concise report, within 30 days by the respective area divisions which is responsive to the considerations of paragraph V, above.

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